

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3964–3980; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 241–242; and H. Res. 775–776, were introduced.

**Pages H12102–03**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H12103–04**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1236, to make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–409, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 3796, to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to minimize the adverse effects of employment dislocation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–410).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Blackburn motion to adjourn by a yealand-nay vote of 158 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 1001.

**Pages H12024–25**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Sessions motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 1002.

**Pages H12026–27**

**Question of Consideration:** The House agreed to consider H. Res. 774, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3963) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yealand-nay vote of 216 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 1003. The House further agreed to the Slaughter motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 1004.

**Pages H12027–30**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Campbell (CA) motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 1005.

**Pages H12030–31**

**Amending title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program:** The House passed H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yealand-nay vote of 265 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 1009.

**Pages H12042–90**

Rejected the Barton (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the

House forthwith with amendments, by a yealand-nay vote of 164 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 1008.

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H. Res. 774, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yealand-nay vote of 215 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 1007, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yealand-nay vote of 221 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 1006.

**Pages H12031–42**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 29th for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 31st.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yealand-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12024–25, H12026–27, H12029, H12029–30, H12030–31, H12041, H12041–42, H12089–90, and H12090. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AGRICULTURE DISASTER CONDITIONS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review agriculture disaster conditions across the nation. Testimony was heard from Representative Simpson; Brad Rippey, Staff Meteorologist, Office of Chief Economist, USDA; Mike Easley, Governor of North Carolina; Ken Givens, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Surface Transportation: Investment Needs and the Budget. Testimony was heard from Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Transportation; Robert A. Sunshine, CBO; and public witnesses.

### FAIR HOME HEALTH CARE ACT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 3582, Fair Home Health Care Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**TRANSPARENCY OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Transparency of Extractive Industries: High Stakes for Resource-Rich Countries, Citizens and International Business.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NORTH KOREA SIX PARTY PROCESS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on The Six Party Process: Progress and Perils in North Korea’s Denuclearization. Testimony was heard from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

**U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico. Testimony was heard from Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; James R. Jones, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and former Representative from Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

**ARBITRATION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 3010, Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT PREVENTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Organized Retail Theft Prevention: Fostering a Comprehensive Public-Private Response. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**IRAQ**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Iraq. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

**HEALTH INSURER CONSOLIDATIONS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Health Insurer Consolidation, The Impact on Small Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SAFETY OF AMERICA’S RAILROADS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on The Impact of Railroad Injury, Accident, and Discipline Policies on the Safety of America’s Railroads. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**VETERANS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 513, amended, National Heroes Credit Protection Act; and H.R. 3882, To amend title 38, United States Code, to change the length of the obligated period of service on active duty required for receiving certain education benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on VETS DVOP/LVER Program. Testimony was heard from Charles Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFINGS—MIDDLE EAST EVENTS; SIZE OF DNI**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Recent Middle East Events. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Size of DNI. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**VOTING IN THE HOUSE—RULES, PROCEDURES, PRECEDENTS, CUSTOM AND PRACTICE**

*Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007:* Held a hearing on Voting in the House of Representatives—Rules, Procedures, Precedents, Custom and Practice. Testimony was heard from Charlie Johnson, former Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives; and Mark O’Sullivan, Chief Tally Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1366)

H.R. 1124, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999. Signed on October 24, 2007. (Public Law 110–97)

H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”. Signed on October 24, 2007. (Public Law 110–98)

H.R. 2587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office”. Signed on October 24, 2007. (Public Law 110–99)

H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont